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**BY ECF and E-MAIL**

The Honorable Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601

RE: United States v. Jihad Smith  
23 Cr. 510 (PMH)

Dear Judge Halpern:

I am the attorney for the defendant, Jihad Smith. Sentencing in this matter has been scheduled for September 20, 2024. I write respectfully to submit an additional letter of support sent on behalf of Mr. Smith. The letter was written by Ms. Karina Arango, Mr. Smith's student success coach. According to Ms. Arango, Mr. Smith has participated in a Work Force program that taught computer science and resume writing. The letter is annexed hereto as Exhibit I.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Calvin H. Scholar

CHS/jb

cc: AUSA Michael Maimin  
AUSA Timothy Ly,  
AUSA David A. Markewitz, *via* ECF